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Who's Doing It?

The price of wheat is now soaring skyward and the thought naturally arises "What is the cause?" The European war being on it is very easy to say that the war is causing the high price and some people believe it, but there is a deeper reason than that.

Not many months ago the price of sugar started skyward and it was said the war caused it, but since that time sugar has dropped back to the old price, even though the war has been going on all the time and is still in progress.

A few years ago when there was no war wheat suddenly run up to \$1.25 per bushel and some farmers thinking the scarcity of wheat was causing it refused to sell at that price, but soon it was discovered that Levi Leiter had a corner on the wheat market which was nearly all out of the farmers hands, and when Leiter exploded, the price of wheat exploded also.

At the present time most of the wheat is out of the farmers hands and with the European war on, it is no trouble to use that as a cloak to run a corner on the wheat market. Had the war been in progress for several years and wheat gradually advanced in price from year to year there would be reason to believe that the scarcity was causing the high price.

There is a corner being made on wheat right now and the only question is "Who's doing it?" Sooner or later the corner will go to pieces and down will go the price; when farmers can sell wheat at \$1.25 per bushel they had better sell what they have to spare, unless it has been selling at that price from year to year.

It beats the band how people are moving. Some go and some come. Many are not able to afford the expense of changing around. The one year lease business is a bad thing for a renter and in a long run is equally as bad for the landlord. Business men as well as farmers should suggest to their state legislature that two year leases be the minimum at the option of the renter but of course provide for easy collection of damages to buildings or other improvements of a malicious or grossly careless tenant. —Indianoman.

Last week this paper contained an announcement of the new law firm of Whalin & Burton at Lawton and in addition thereto we wish to say that from our

own personal knowledge of these two men, any person who has business in their line could not place same in the hands of more honest and competent men. They are both men of strict integrity and you need not fear any double-crossing from them.

America has more murders each year than any other country because business men are afraid to lend their influence for good government. —Indianoman.

E. H. Buckley was in Fletcher on business Tuesday.

Mrs. G. H. Ecclesfield is on the sick list today with tonsillitis.

A man was here during the past week trying to buy the cotton in the warehouse.

An officer was here from Lawton Saturday looking for a young fellow that is charged with robbing a hotel at Lawton.

Lee May, Orange Putney, Harry Cremer, Perley Bennett, Mrs. E. Stone and Miss Edna Putney autoed to Lawton Friday on business.

School Notes.

Marvin Murray was absent Monday on account of sickness.

Burl Sawyers was absent from school this week, being hurt with a gun.

Ship Us Your Hides.

Owing to the European war, have contracts for a vast amount of cattle and horse hides, which enables us to pay the highest market price. Write for prices. W. H. Catterall Hide Co. adv. Chickasha, Okla.

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THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER

A Broader Sphere for Religion—New Field for the Rural Church.

By Peter Radford

Lecturer National Farmers' Union.
The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be started while the spiritual nature was overfed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a fit habitation for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church. The true christian religion is essentially social—its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which enriches as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in as close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions.

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community. If an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness. The structure of a rural community is exceedingly complex; it contains many social groups, each of which has its own center, but there are many localities which have but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities.

Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment, as well as instruction, to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet when religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church. To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the bustling bee, the quilling bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusement. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theatre unless it can offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

Universal Instinct for Play.

In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered. Play is the chief educational agency in rural communities and in the play-day of human childhood social sympathy and social habits are evolved. As individuals come together in social gatherings, their viewpoint is broadened, their ideals are lifted and finally they constitute a cultured and refined society. It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfected society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself of the universal instinct for play. If the church surrounds itself with social functions which appeal to the young among its membership, it will fill a large part of the lamentable gap in rural pleasures and will reap the richest reward by promoting a higher and better type of manhood and womanhood.

Wednesday Elgin Markets.

Corn	.....	71
Wheat	.....	1 20
Oats	.....	47
Hogs	.....	6.20 to 6 25
Cream	.....	21-24
Butter	.....	18-25
Eggs	.....	25
Chickens	.....	9 1-2
Springers, up to 2 lbs.	.....	10

Local News Items

Wanted—A lady to do general housework. E. Stone.

W. S. Jordan of Lawton is a business caller here today.

E. Stone was transacting business in Oklahoma City Monday.

J. A. McAllister of Marlow was a business caller here Saturday.

Some good horses for sale. Cash or good note. E. Stone, adv.

For Sale—Lot in Elgin, Okla., by W. F. Smith, Dexter, Mo., R. 5.

T. Ryan went to Oklahoma City Friday to attend the poultry show.

T. J. Page is moving today to the B. V. Hamilton farm north of Elgin.

Art Vawter of Apache visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

We buy cream, eggs, butter and chickens at the highest market prices. G. W. Walker, adv.

Rev. E. H. Shipman of Oklahoma City came Friday for a visit at the home of E. West.

For Sale—A few choice Buff Orpington chickens, prize winning stock. W. D. Pugh.

Jess Sanderfer has moved on to the place recently vacated by T. Sceneneboom on route 3.

I will give 25c for your old shoes if you buy new ones of me, adv. Years, E. Stone.

T. H. Spooner of Verden visited here Thursday night with G. W. Walker returning Friday morning.

One peck of good coffee for one dollar. Someday this is the best coffee they have ever used. G. W. Walker, adv.

G. W. Walker, E. R. King and H. G. Smith went to Fletcher Saturday evening to attend a Masonic meeting.

Miss Martha Ingraham returned to Lawton Thursday after a short visit at the home of Mrs. Jennie Hofer.

Rev. C. A. Rock, wife and daughter, who had been here during the meeting, returned to Apache Thursday.

For Sale—Two incubators, one Old Trusty; one Cycle Brooder Hatcher. I will take part in kaffir. W. D. Pugh.

Borrowed—The person who borrowed my woven wire stretchers will please return same at once. T. R. Bennett.

Mrs. J. W. Brunsell arrived Saturday from Sank Centre, Minn., for a visit with relatives; her husband was already here.

John White, of the Citizens State Bank at Lawton, was here Saturday evening attending the play given by the Country Club.

W. H. Minor returned Friday from Springfield, Mo., where he had been in the Frisco hospital to receive treatment for a dislocated knee cap.

We have cabbage, onions, potatoes, cranberries, popcorn, navy and Lima beans, dried fruit of all kinds, bulk lard, and many other staple articles to eat that will keep down the highest cost of living. G. W. Walker, adv.

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My future service you'll
crave.

A. P. Harney, Prop.

Where Would You Be

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Should your house or barn burn would the loss all be yours? Buildings gone up in smoke, savings of a life time gone, no money to rebuild, then where you will be at? Get some insurance protection at once in the Home Insurance Co. or the Columbia Fire Underwriters so you will be safe and can sleep peacefully at nights.

H. P. Wettengel, AGENT

Miss Kate Greer is visiting this week at the home of Lefe Hall.

Mrs. Alma Howe is confined to her home today with some throat trouble.

D. E. McAnaw returned Monday evening from a business trip to Marlow.

Rev. Shipman, who had been visiting friends here, left Monday for Bessie.

Shoes and harness repaired; suits cleaned and pressed. Lefe Hall, Prop., Elgin S. E. Postoffice, adv.

Still have plenty of Queen and Cherokee flour on hand and it makes fine bread. G. W. Walker, adv.

Byron Vaughn moved Tuesday from the Strother house to the Dr. Gamble house just vacated by A. J. James.

Rev. Shipman of Oklahoma City who has been visiting here, conducted services at the home of Lefe Hall Sunday.

For Sale—One rubber tired open buggy, suitable for young man. Or will trade for midding cotton. W. D. Pugh.

Mrs. A. J. James and two children left Sunday noon for Brinkman, their new home, stopping for a short visit at Mangum.

County News.

A 14-year-old boy on roller skates and one on a motorcycle collided in Lawton Sunday, the former receiving a broken leg.

Ex-Gov. St. John, Eugene Chalm and C. J. Hall, three noted prohibitionists, will speak in Lawton next Sunday.

Frank Lloyd, a boy about 15 years old living near Medicine Park, fell off a horse Sunday and broke his leg below the knee.

Some damage was done by a fire in Lawton this week by a lighted match being thrown into a pile of old papers.

A large building that had been occupied by a milliner in Chattanooga was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Parties tried to burn the same building about ten days ago.

Oscar Shears, a deserter from Ft. Sill, was captured at Ardmore, his parents living near there.

William Cassin, coach cleaner for the Frisco, had his left foot crushed off Saturday evening, when he slipped and fell from the top of a coach and a freight engine run over him.

Sheriff Richardson and his deputies raided an upstairs room at Lawton Saturday and found 51 half pints of booze but no persons.

There is talk of the Lawton irrigation project falling through with if they do not secure 500 acres more land for the purpose.

County Treasurer Porter on Tuesday received a draft from the state school land department for \$7,484 to be divided among the school districts of this county.

A free-for-all fight occurred at Cache Monday which was being aired before Justice Harper at Lawton Tuesday.

Two couples arrested in a rooming house at Lawton were fined \$50 each for unlawful conduct.

John Rose was able to come up town Tuesday after being laid up for about three weeks with rheumatism and an injury to one of his eyes.

Albert Cremer, Claud Wiggins, J. E. Byrd, Misses Guada Walling, Dora W. Walling, Jodie Wiggins, and Ollie Gilliland were visiting in Doyle district Sunday.

Post Office Schedule.

Pouches locked for trains as follows:
No. 408 at 6:30 a. m.
No. 10 at 11:00 a. m.
No. 9 at 12:00 m.
No. 407 at 6:00 p. m.

FRONT DOOR OF OFFICE

Opens at 6:30 a. m., except on Mondays.
Closes at 7:30 p. m. or later except Sundays.

GENERAL DELIVERY WINDOW

Opens 8 a. m. Closes 6 p. m.
Sundays and Holidays open from 12:15 to 1:15 p. m.

TRAIN SERVICE

All trains carry mail except 407 on Sunday night and 408 on Monday morning.

Two pouches go out on No. 408; one is not opened until it reaches Chickasha, the other is not opened until it reaches Oklahoma City.

RURAL CARRIERS

Leave the office at 8:30 a. m.
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